

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 685

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Brianna Mason upon being named Miss Knoxville 2016.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Brianna Mason, who was crowned Miss Knoxville 2016, a part of the Miss Tennessee organization, the state preliminary to the Miss America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, a Knoxville resident, Miss Mason is a junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), and is majoring in psychology with a minor in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, Brianna Mason is the recipient of several college scholarships with which to further her education, including the Tennessee Hope Scholarship, the Russell E. Leed Scholarship, and the Achieve the Dream Grant; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader, Brianna Mason has served as the public relations chair and fundraising chair of the Multicultural Mentoring Program at UTK, and the director of the Mr. and Miss Freshman Pageant at UTK; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Miss Mason has volunteered at Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church, assisting with car washes, youth retreats, and Vacation Bible School; Mobile Meals, delivering food to the elderly; the Ronald McDonald House; Second Harvest Foodbank; the Knoxville Area Rescue Mission; the Boys and Girls Club of Tennessee; and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Brianna Mason's Miss Knoxville 2016 pageant victory is a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, and the good people of Knoxville, and it is fitting that we specially recognize this remarkable woman and her many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Brianna Mason upon being named Miss Knoxville 2016, applaud her many contributions to her community, and extend our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.